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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 10, 2023 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Meyer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Meyer and Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.
ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Lieutenant Rick Emerson, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Ernie Bleicher and Phyllis Harden-West.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 25, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.
AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Ernie Bleicher, owner of the barber shop, was present regarding the Penfield Street reconstruction project. He asked questions about the timing of the job and logistics as well as other questions. Administrator Barber and Superintendent Conner tried to answer his questions. He was unhappy about the project game plan and the effect on his business.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley provided a report on income received in September, 2023.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided.

A Youth Commission report was provided. The next Youth Commission event is the Glow Bike Ride on October 20th. Bob Heim and EMA were thanked for their help with the event. The Parents Night Out event was a big success. Over \$3,000 was raised. Trustee Juzeszyn read aloud a thank you to the many organizations and people who donated and contributed towards the event.

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A Historic Preservation Commission report was provided by Trustee Gardner. Next meeting is October 18th at the Depot.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer provided a fire inspection program update. Over half of the inspections have been completed and inspections seem to be going well.

The annual report of the TIF Joint Review Board meeting was provided.

The Board discussed the request for a Class B liquor license for beer and wine only at 755 Penfield from Phyllis Harden-West. Ms. Harden-West was present to answer questions. Previously there were concerns regarding her request because approval would mean more than one liquor license in the same building plus there was some missing information on the application. Copies of the liquor license application and conditional lease were provided for review. Ordinance regarding video gaming and liquor ordinance copies were also provided. President Meyer asked if this application meets the requirements of the ordinance and the Board's thoughts on the application. The Board did not support two liquor licenses in the same building. Board members were asked if they wish to make a motion to authorize the drafting of an ordinance increasing the liquor licenses. No one made a motion. The matter is tabled indefinitely.

President Meyer requested an Executive Session be held to continue discussion of Village Administrator candidates.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion approving the Treasurer's report. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$32,480.84 and payrolls since the previous meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The presentation of the audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 will be provided at the October 23rd meeting.

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B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was discussion of the bid results for the new police station. Bids were received and opened on Wednesday, October 4th. The total bid package came in at about \$5.9 million, which is much higher than anticipated. Architect to come to the next meeting with options and are currently checking the bids for compliance. Keeping the same square footage and removing some usable space or reduce the square footage and only keep usable space are options to be considered. Architect is working with contractors to determine if there's a way to cut the costs.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Results of the September 28th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were provided by Trustee Gardner. Tobacco store on Dixie Highway will be going to public hearing on October 26th.

The next Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee meeting will be held on October 12th at 3 p.m.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer expires at the end of this current school year and the committee will work with Chief Lemming and the School District to get this agreement extended.

The Village Attorney is working on the first draft of the proposed food truck ordinance and then it will be reviewed by the committee.

Halloween trick or treat hours will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Sewer Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Penfield Street reconstruction project update was provided by Administrator Barber. Construction meeting was held that morning. Contractor is targeting November 3rd for getting work done to reopen road. Curb work west of the bridge may begin next week. There are problems with a driveway east of bridge where resident can't get his car in without scraping bottom. Contractor will tear out and correct.

Indiana Avenue resurfacing project was provided by Superintendent Conner. Will County is waiting on their road reflectors to be put in before they will allow the delineators to be put back in by the railroad tracks.

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2023 resurfacing program update was provided. Country, Meadow and Orchard have been paved. Patches on Fox Hound Trail should be completed next week.

Leaf collection is set to tentatively begin on October 30th.

Trustee Stacey requested an Executive Session be held to discuss Public Works employees.

Administrator Barber raised the question about the last brush pick up of the year. A lot of residents are still putting out brush and residents have been calling the Village Hall even though brush pick up ended in September. Last year the Board agreed to end brush pick up every year on the second Tuesday in September. However, there is still a lot of brush out so the Board was asked how to proceed. After some discussion, it was agreed to do one special pick up to collect the brush. Staff will advertise more next year about when brush pick up ends by putting signs at entrances to town at beginning of brush year and two weeks before end of brush year to notify residents of date. Public Works will do a special brush pick up on October 24th, which will be the final for the year.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The next Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

A Fall newsletter update was provided by Clerk McCawley. A final draft was not yet available. It will be emailed to the Board this week.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

I. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Stacey made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss Village Administrator candidates and Public Works applications. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return to regular session at 8:53 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer reported that the resident next to the Post Office is complaining about traffic and noise from mail trucks backing up and has called a few times to complain. First parking space next to resident's house seems to be a problem with people backing up. It was learned that the Post Office trucks are now taking alley again so they are not backing into the parking lot making noise.

The resident has asked for a fence between the lot and his property. Board members were not in support of putting up a fence but staff will contact him and let him know he can put up his own fence.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

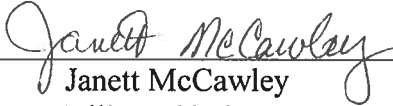
AYES: (6) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk